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BASKETBALL.

Catholic League basketball followers witnessed stirring games Tuesday night, each full of thrills from the beginning until the final whistle.

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The St. Xavier Midgets, Steurle, Smith, Ridge, Clines and Huber, defeated the Jeffersonville Juniors by the score of 19 to 13 on Tuesday.

Steurle and Ridge starred for the Saints, while Hoover did best work for the Hoosiers.

PRIEST WILL BEAR RELIEF.

Hundreds of the friends of the Right Rev. Monsignor F. A. Rempe gathered Monday night at the ball of St. Clement's church in Chicago to bid him goodspeed on his departure for Europe to distribute funds and clothing contributed by Catholics throughout the United States for the benefit of sufferers from the World War.

Monsignor Rempe, who is one of the Vicars General of the archdiocese of Chicago, has been specially chosen for the purpose by the Catholic hierarchy in this country, and while he is in Europe is expected to investigate conditions there at first hand for the American Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops.

It is the first time that a Catholic prelate from the United States has gone on this kind of an enterprise to Europe.

MONUMENT AT LOURDES.

The Bishop of Lourdes, France, has sent an official word to the Knights of Columbus that plans are under way for the erection of a monument of thanksgiving at the sacred Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Marshall Ferdinand Foch has selected Michel, the well known sculptor, who created the K. of C. pilgrimage memorial medals of Pétain and Foch, to have charge of the decorative work of the monument, which it is claimed to make the most impressive memorial in the south of France.

The monument will be eighty-one feet high, having at its base a chapel which will contain the names of those who died in the war. Here perpetual service for the hero dead will be held.

WARNING SOUNDED.

Warning against the intrusion of certain forms of organized bigotry from the extreme South into the North has been sounded by William J. McGinley, of New York, Supreme Secretary of the Knights of Columbus.

Reports state that the Ku Klux Klan is organizing a branch in New York and branches in Chicago and other cities. The Commander, or 'Supreme Wizard,' as he is styled, of this organization, it is reported, says there are thousands of newly initiated citizens of this invisible empire. From what we know of this organization and simi-

lar societies through their operations in the South, we feel justified in warning all American citizens against 'invisible empires' whose power is seemingly aimed at the peace and well being of citizens. Catholics and the Knights of Columbus have been and are objects of open hostility on the part of these organizations in the extreme South. We shall no longer lightly tolerate active bigotry that aims to disturb the peace of society by stirring up unfounded suspicions among persons of different religious views. The Knights of Columbus profess no invisible power. The record of the K. of C. during the war and after the war and long before the war is plain. We have served the country quite invisibly and intend to continue that service. And we intend, so far as possible, to make promoters of religious calumny and discord legally responsible for their acts."

ALUMNAE IS WELCOME.

Mrs. John McEniry, President of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, announces that the fifth biennial convention of the organization will be held in Louisville in October, 1928.

Under the by-laws of the Federation the time and place of its general conventions are fixed by the President with the concurrence of the Executive Board.

The latest biennial meeting was held in Boston, attended by 118 delegates, fifty-five alternates, nine supreme officers and Governors from twenty States. Thirteen international chairmen were also present.

As the organization is now firmly established or in process of extension in various quarters in which it was not previously existent, its numerical strength of 25,000 is expected to show a considerable growth by the time the next convention will have assembled.

The K. of C. will give the alumnae a real Kentucky welcome.

INCORPORATED.

The National Catholic Welfare Council has been incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, with Cardinal Gibbons, George E. Hamilton, and Rev. John J. Burke, C. S. P., General Secretary of the Council, as the incorporators.

In the articles of incorporation, filed with the recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia, the objects and business of the corporation, to unify, coordinate, encourage, promote and carry on all Catholic activities in the United States; to organize and conduct social welfare work at home and abroad; to aid in education, care for immigrants and generally to enter into and promote by instruction, publication and direction, the objects of its being.

HOLLAND AT VATICAN.

Approval having been given by the Dutch Chamber to the bill providing for the establishment of a permanent minister at the Vatican, it is reported, the Holy See soon will appoint a Nuncio at The Hague.

No Papal representative has been at the Dutch capital since diplomatic relations with the Vatican were interrupted in 1907 with the recall of Monsignor Rodolfo Giovannini. The Dutch Foreign Minister then had failed to invite the Pope at The Hague.

START RIGHT.

Everyone is invited to start the New Year right by attending the entertainment to be given by the ladies of St. Charles Borromeo church, Twenty-seventh and Chestnut, next Monday evening. All are urged to be on hand by 8:30 o'clock, when the going tape. A jolly evening is assured those who are present.

SENTENCE FOR COUNTESS.

In Dublin on Tuesday the Countess Georgina Markievicz, who was tried by a court-martial on a charge of conspiracy to organize a seditious society, was sentenced to two years at hard labor in prison.

The specific allegation against her was that between January, 1918, and September, 1920, she had plotted to organize a "Finnian Eireann," or Sinn Fein Boy Scouts' Society. This organization has been charged with the conspiracy to murder military police.

LABOR FOR FREEDOM.

The Louisville-Trades and Labor Assembly at its meeting this week passed resolutions calling for the freedom of Ireland. The same action has been taken by the American Federation and the central labor bodies in all our larger cities.

LEXINGTON.

There was a happy observance of Christmas and the holiday season at Lexington, which was marked by special services in all the Catholic churches and many home gatherings.

Misses Katherine Byrnes, Katherine Morey, Martha Fallon and Dolly Traynor were home from Nazareth Academy for Christmas.

James Byrnes, Morey and Gerald Reagan arrived from St. Mary's College, Kas., to spend the holidays.

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The Sisters extend best wishes to all for a blessed, prosperous and happy New Year. The inmates of the home had made great preparations for the coming of the Infant King and enjoyed indeed a merry Christmas.

PUSHING CAMPAIGN.

Two English labor leaders, Messrs. O'Grady and Will Thorne, both members of Parliament, are pushing their campaign for self-determination for Ireland with great vigor. Meetings are being held all over England for this purpose, and the great mass of British trade unionists are heartily supporting the campaign.

Indeed it is hard to see how thoughtful Englishmen can be opposed to a free Ireland; for it goes without saying that a free and prosperous and populous Ireland would be a tower of strength to the Empire because it would be to her interest to see that her neighbor who is her best customer would come to no harm. England herself would be the bigger gainer, inasmuch as the cost of defending the Irish coast line would be saved, and her fleets would be free to concentrate on the defense of England herself when the occasion arose. As it is, Ireland is now the one weak spot in the imperial armor, and with the development of the aeroplane and submarine, a host of Ireland would make England's defeat in a conflict with a great power, a certainty.

LADY GEDDES' UPTILTED NOSE.

The impudence of the female English boudiers passes all imagination. The Geddes woman, if you please, would tell Americans whom they should receive and whom they shouldn't! Geddes is some kind of a Scotch raze, bottles, sarks man, who for the usual dirty work gets one of the inferior titles and is sent over to Washington to continue his favorite occupation. His wife, who no doubt was, in her day, a thrifty and hard-working helpmeet, has now blossomed out as Leedy Geddes—no less. She might sport her titles, for all we care, if she had only minded her own business. She objected to Mrs. MacSwiney—if you please, Mrs. MacSwiney; independent entirely of her personal attainments and her dignity as wife of one of earth's great martyrs, comes of a family who wouldn't tolerate the Geddes within a mile of their kitchen. When the forbears of the Geddes clan were warming their heavy shins at a tinker's fire in crazy Scotland, the people of the Irish lady dwelt in honor among their own, in a country where blood is indeed much esteemed, but breeding more—San Francisco Leader.

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